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LONE BOY MAROONED ON BARREN KAHOO LAWE

After Heartless Desertion by His Employer an Hawaiian Boy Lives Three Months on Uncooked Rice and Flour.

Almost every boy who has read Defoe's celebrated account of the life of Robinson Crusoe has felt a wish to undergo the thrilling experience narrated by him. Only last week an Hawaiian boy, aged eighteen, ended a three months' Robinson Crusoe life on the desert island of Kahoolawe. He is glad to get back to where he could hear the sweet sounds of human speech, and does not know that, in the eyes of adventurous boys, he has achieved the acme of juvenile glory.

It is also strange, while people in high places were discussing in an altruistic way on what to do with the barren water-ringed dust heap known as the island of Kahoolawe, that a mere boy marooned there by a forgetful "boss" should be trying to move heaven and earth at the same time for a chance to get out of the place.

During the month of May, after the annual round-up and shearing of sheep, Maikai, the broncho buster and foreman for the present lessee, told Kalua Kaaihue to look after the sheep and to hunt goats until he returned, and then sailed away to Lahaina, where he still lives under the cool leaves of breadfruit trees.

Togo, a Japanese laborer, and a dog remained with the boy, Kalua Kaaihue. They understood that Maikai, the foreman, was to return within a week or ten days. The pay envelopes due the two hands were in arrears, and after waiting ten days Togo said he was going to look up the delinquent boss and get his pay, and went, taking passage in a Lahaina fishing boat belonging to James Roberts.

Togo failed to return, but Kalua Kaaihue and the dog tended sheep and hunted goats between times. The dog and boy gave the goats little rest until a wise old he goat butted the dog squarely and threw him down a precipice, where the dog died from his injuries. With the loss of his dog the boy began to feel lonesome. There was plenty of provisions, such as flour and rice; and fresh fish he could get in any quantity. As the months passed with no word from the absent foreman, the boy grew worried and, like a ship wreck waif, would eagerly day by day scan the horizon, but in vain, for Maikai and his gasoline launch never came back. At last it slowly dawned on him that his boss had abandoned him, heartlessly, to live or perish on the barren island.

He left the ranch premises and moved over to Hakiawa, on the other side facing Makana, near where the Schooner Olga went ashore some seven years ago. He built himself a shelter from the wreckage and, to attract the attention of passing craft, built watch fires and kept them burning day after day but, strange, neither passing fishing boats nor the people on the neighboring shores of Maui would come to his rescue. Those who saw his fires thought it belonged to some fisherman, who had gone ashore to cook his dinner.

The rain came in torrents and extinguished his fires and what was worse destroyed his scanty supply of matches. No longer able to kindle a fire for cooking his food or for making signals to passing boats he was in a perilous predicament. In average dime novels when in such difficulties the hero always manages to find a piece of flint from which he could get a spark of fire, or to rub two sticks together until the resulting friction produces fire.

On Kahoolawe Kalua Kaaihue could not find a piece of rock of sufficient hardness to produce fire under the first formula. Under the second formula the much desired sparks of fire could not be coaxed to respond to his rubbing. Either the wood was not right or he had rubbed the sticks the wrong way. While it might be, and it probably is, easy for fiction heroes to get up a fictitious blaze when a fire is needed to round off a story, but in Kalua Kaaihue's actual experience as an Hawaiian Robinson Crusoe he could not raise the smoke by such methods. Reduced to the hard surroundings of the primitive man he was compelled to eat his food raw, and when the cravings of hunger could not be appeased otherwise mix flour with a little water and eat the stuff uncooked!

The lack of tobacco was another privation keenly felt. He had a boy's craving for cigarettes and without fire or tobacco it could not be satisfied.

At home in rocky Kaupo where his father Kaaihue, and his mother Keawe still lived, Kalua had faithfully attended the Mormon Church and in his present straits he thought of his mother, who always prayed for him. He had never known how to pray before, but he got over that quickly, and was soon praying aloud just as he had seen his elders do in church. Not as the wise would pray but as one in desperation would grope and cry aloud from his inmost soul to the seen and unseen powers for relief. With privations, threatened starvation and loneliness weighing heavily on his young mind he perceived he must work out his own salvation. He gathered together some timbers from the wreckage of the Olga and made a raft. When he ventured forth it sank under him. With tools obtained from the ranch premises he took heavy timbers and built a bigger raft at best a flimsy thing on which to brave the powerful sweep of currents in the shark infested waters of the Alalakeiki Channel. He rigged a mast with a sail for it, but found the craft too heavy for him to push into the water unaided.

At this stage of his adventures the power fishing boat Maui Maru from Kihei hove in sight on her way to the usual Kahoolawe landing, and Kalua hurried over to intercept the visitors. His appearance was a surprise to the fishermen, for his hair had grown down to his shoulders, which in a way verified his strange story, but gave him such an uncanny appearance that his rescuers suggested clipping it off with sheep shears, an indignity he resented.

When interviewed by the writer, a barber had shorn his head of hair and was there nothing to remind one of boy's unusual experience. He was then assisting John Kupahu, one of his rescuers who had befriended him in his destitution, at knocking together a small house, and making good use of a knowledge of carpentry acquired under nerve trying conditions. He related his adventures as simply as one would tell a fish story, and had nothing to say against Maikai, the foreman, who forgot all about him as readily as one would forget to look after a chicken. Only once did Kalua Kaaihue betray any feeling and that was when the writer unwisely asked about the mother, who is patiently waiting for a word from her wandering boy.—Ben Harden.

Two Men to Look at Lanai

Beet Sugar Experts to Investigate Experiments on Busy Island.

Two beet sugar experts are to be brought to Honolulu from California instead of one, as at first proposed, to look over the beet sugar experiments being conducted on the Island of Lanai.

John T. McCrosson, one of the prime movers in the Lanai Company, Limited, which is developing the island into a cattle and sheep ranch, horse and mule breeding section, and developing a great water system, is now in California, visiting the Cone Ranch which may be the shipping point of a lot of pure bred Hereford cattle, merino rams and other stock, has notified the company that he will be accompanied home by two beet sugar experts.

The experiments with the beet on Lanai have shown that there are vast possibilities in beets, with a high rate of saccharine ingredients.

The company has shipped one hundred pure bred merino rams to Lanai. The rams were received from California on the Nevada and had been kept in quarantine since their arrival. The addition of the pure bred rams to the herd of sheep brought over recently from Niihau marks a step in the development of the island herds, the introduction of six pure bred bulls from the Cone Ranch, a few weeks since, being the first step.

Lahaina Notes.

(A. B. Weymouth, Correspondent.)

Manager Weinheimer, with his accustomed liberality, gave a free luau under the Banyan tree in the court house park last Saturday. The guests were seated at twelve long tables, and the supply of food was abundant. The great tree was beautifully decorated with bunting, and at frequent intervals from 2 to 5 p. m. music was furnished by a volunteer orchestra, under the direction of Johnny Hose. Automobiles and carriages were busily employed carrying happy parties from distant parts of the town. In the evening music and dancing were provided, and both young and old made merry. This was a fitting climax to a very successful season at the Pioneer Plantation, and Manager Weinheimer can feel justly proud of his success.

Mr. and Mrs. Burnham have returned to their cottage.

Senator Hayselden, Mrs. Kate Hayselden, Helen and Anita Taylor returned on the Mauna Kea.

Mr. C. A. MacDonald, after a short visit in Honolulu, has returned to Lahaina.

Chinaman Arrested Taken to Honolulu.

Sheriff Saffery arrested a Chinaman, Tuesday morning, for passing counterfeit coins, and if this arrest leads to the unearthing of the plant where they are manufactured, it will be one of the most important arrests in many months.

Some time ago, it was discovered that there were many spurious ten dollar gold coins in circulation, and the Federal authorities have been on a still hunt to unearth the counterfeiters. The coins contain a large quantity of gold and are of some value, but enough gold has been extracted to make a nice margin of profit for the counterfeiters. The coins are quite an exact duplicate of the real U. S. coin, and would pass readily until they get into the hands of experts, when they are quickly detected, as they are a trifle too thick. Sheriff Saffery sent a wireless to United States Marshal Hendry, and he and Breckons hastened over on the Mauna Kea. The Chinaman is known as Lee Kong, and was taken back to Honolulu on the Claudine, Tuesday evening, where Breckons will conduct an investigation which may result in connecting Lee Kong, or Lee Koung, with the counterfeiting plant.

Political Row in Honolulu

Atkinson Claims Committee Is Playing Dirty Politics.

After the lively Republican row of the past few days, ending in Atkinson's withdrawal as chairman of the Republican Territorial Central Committee, the party leaders are disposed to leave matters of reorganization for the coming convention says the Star. Atkinson's associates on the committee are inclined to criticize his action in withdrawing because the vote on the Andrews matter did not please him, while Atkinson simply says that the resignation goes and admits that the decision in the Andrews matter is the cause of it.

The result will be an extravaganza in the primaries. The warmest kind of a fight is being made against Andrews by those who began the recent row, but Andrews is doing some fighting too, and it is impossible to predict the result.

The convention will naturally have the duty of naming a new central committee and new party leaders all round. It is to be held in September and the leaders now say that, as long as the date for reorganization is so near, they may as well let things go on as they are until the ranks and file of the party are heard from in the primaries.

Whether the split will widen or be healed up is a question not settled today.

A permanent reorganization of the Republican committee for campaign purposes must naturally be left to the coming convention, and it is not likely that the present committee will attempt much more than to carry out its work of organizing the convention. There is no disposition to attempt any settlement of any of the faction fights.

In the executive session yesterday of the Republican committee, Lane and Aiu contended for the plan of first declaring the office of assistant secretary vacant, and then laying the charges against Andrews on the table. They expected to win by the votes of Lane, Aiu and Voeller. This would have made the proposition a tie, and Chairman Atkinson's deciding vote was expected to be against Andrews.

The other members of the committee were disposed today to criticize Atkinson and Lane for resigning. One of them said that it was a childish proposition to quit in a huff. However, there is no doubt that Lane was deeply disappointed at the failure to "land" Lorrin Andrews.

Atkinson makes no disguise of the fact that he is disgusted with the action of the committee. One of the incidents of the meeting that fired Atkinson's ire was the bait thrown to him by Waterhouse that if the resolution exonerating Andrews be passed, Andrews would immediately resign.

Mr. Sydney Hoben's Recital at Puunene.

Prof. Sydney Hoben, who has won such popularity as a pianist in Honolulu since his arrival there a few months ago, gave a recital at the beautiful residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thomson on Wednesday evening. Not content with placing their house and fine Chickering piano at Mr. Hoben's disposal, the host and hostess turned the affair into a delightful At Home and entertained everyone as if they had an invited guest. Cigars and refreshments were passed round all the evening.

Mr. Hoben played a varied programme, comprising numbers from Chopin (Scherzo nocturne, and Etude) Schumann, Moszkowski, etc., and finished up with a very brilliant and taking arrangement of Irish airs. As an encore he sang his own bright little coon song "Melons."

Mr. Pogue, Puunene young violinist, was heard in several violin pieces. Mr. Hoben is obliged to return to Honolulu, without giving a concert in Wailuku, but shall return in about a month.

Death Record Growing.

SPOKANE, Aug. 24.—The reports coming in of the terrible sweep of fire is alarming. The greatest loss of life ever known in this region is reported. The great Panhandle district of Idaho is ablaze, and 400 lives are known to have been lost.

PORTLAND, Aug. 24.—The damage by forest fires is estimated to have reached a total loss of \$7,000,000.

WALLACE, Aug. 24.—Rain is falling. The situation here is slightly improved. One hundred perished, by fire.

AUBURN, Cal., Aug. 24.—The Tahoe forest reserve is threatened by fire.

BUTTE, Mont., Aug. 24.—The governor has ordered out four companies of State Militia to assist the Forest Rangers. Fifty-five square miles of forest is on fire.

SPOKANE, Aug. 25.—Three persons have been burned to death in Bitter Root Creek, and 15 are missing. Conditions are slightly improved.

EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 25.—The town of Wending has been entirely destroyed.

WALLACE, Aug. 25.—Twenty-four bodies have been taken out of the ruins of the town of Aveg, and it is estimated that the number burned to death here is 116.

DENVER, Aug. 25.—This city is in darkness. An immense cloud of smoke hangs over the city like a pall.

SEATTLE, Aug. 26.—The forest fires in this State are spreading. The Federal government will be asked to allow the warships stationed here to bombard the sky in order to bring rain.

SPOKANE, Aug. 26.—A revised list shows that the death roll has reached 160, and there are about 45 others missing.

MISSOULA, Aug. 26.—There have been 79 lives lost in this district fighting fire, and the damage is estimated at \$20,000,000.

Teddy on War Path.

UTICA, N. Y., Aug. 24.—In a speech made here last night by Ex-President Roosevelt, he placed himself on record as being opposed to Vice-President Sherman.

BEVERLY, Aug. 24.—In conversation with friends, President Taft said he desired a reduction in the tariff. He demands that only fair profits shall be tolerated. His utterances have caused a stir in financial and political circles.

UTICA, N. Y., Aug. 25.—Ex-President Roosevelt passed through here yesterday. He issued a statement defying the old line Republicans of New York State, who defeated him recently. Roosevelt said he would continue the fight to a finish.

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—Timothy Woodruff says that Griscom never mentioned Roosevelt's name in connection with the State Convention, until the Convention had actually been opened.

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 24.—Gov. Gillett has issued a call for a special session of the Legislature, to consider issuing bonds for the exposition.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 24.—The slayers of Capt. Wood, of the steamer Buckman, have been charged with murder.

LUDINGTON, Aug. 24.—A tornado swept this district yesterday, causing a damage of \$1,000,000.

TOKYO, Aug. 25.—Japan is prepared to become responsible for Korea at once. The text of the Annexation Treaty has been shown to newspaper correspondents.

ATLANTA, Aug. 25.—Hoke Smith has been nominated by the Democrats for Governor of Georgia.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—Senator Call of Florida is dead.

SEATTLE, Aug. 25.—In a speech here by Representative Murdock in support of Miles Poindexter for the Senate, he predicted the State of Washington would go insurgent in spite of Taft and Ballinger.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Gen. Barry has featured Hawaii in his report to the War Department. He has recommended, among other things that more troops be stationed on the islands.

Honolulu News Items.

HONOLULU, Aug. 24.—There is talk of substituting the Irwin place in Capitol square, as a site for the new Federal building.

It is rumored that Capt. Berger, leader of the Royal Hawaiian Band, is to be retired on a pension of \$100 per month.

HONOLULU, Aug. 25.—Kuhio will go to Kahului next week for a few days vacation.

The Federal Revenue Tax for the year amounted to \$124,301.18. Maui won the polo match with the Fifth Cavalry by a score of 12 to 33.

The U. S. Infantry team won the match at Camp Perry with a score of 3186. The Hawaii Rifle Team was 22nd with a score of 2985.

HONOLULU, Aug. 26.—The Territorial cash balance for the year is \$700,000.

The Governor has set aside the island of Kahoolawe, and lands in Hilo, Kau and Hamakua as a forest reserve.

The American Hawaiian boats will continue on a 12 day schedule, and will not come to a 10 day schedule as reported.

Bids for the new Marine Barracks are all above the estimate. They may have to be divided.

The Oahu Republican County Convention has been called for September 10.